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### **FOOD**

<u>Chapel Hill Carrboro City Schools</u> (CHCCS) is distributing meals to children, ages 0-18, to over 20 sites in the school district.

<u>Inter-Faith Council</u> (IFC) serves hot meals daily (lunch daily, dinner Monday – Friday) and has a food pantry available.

Meals on Wheels delivers meals and food boxes to older adults once a week.

<u>Orange County Senior Centers</u> Providing to go meals to seniors. Call 919-942-9559 for more information.

**PORCH** provides food and grocery gift cards to families in need.

**<u>RENA Community Center</u>** provides food to families twice a month on Fridays.

<u>Table</u> delivers of bags of healthy non-perishables and fresh food to families with children in the Chapel Hill Carrboro City School (CHCCS) system.

<u>Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina</u> provides food to residents throughout the region. Their food finder link provides information on food distribution sites and times. <a href="https://foodbankcenc.org/find-help/food-finder/">https://foodbankcenc.org/find-help/food-finder/</a>

### **HEALTH RESOURCES**

<u>Orange County Health Department</u>: Refer to their <u>COVID-19 webpage</u> or call 919-245-6111 for up-to date information. Spanish language and other languages are available.

<u>Testing for COVID-19</u>: Refer to the NC Department of Health and Human Services for guidance on testing.

<u>Multilingual Resources about COVID-19</u>: For residents who speak languages other than English.

**Hope Line:** Older adults can call 1-866-578-4673 or 1-866-578-HOPE if they're experiencing isolation from social distancing.

<u>Disaster Distress Helpline</u>: The <u>CDC</u> recommends calling the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administrations (SAMHSA's) Disaster Distress Helpline at 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746.

<u>Compass Center for Women and Families</u>: The Compass Center is closed to outside visitors. The 24 hour domestic violence line is open: 919-929-7122. Their business line is open 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday: 919-968-4610. For the Diaper Bank, contact OC DSS, 919-245-2800.

<u>Orange County Rape Crisis Center</u>: Their 24 hour helpline is available: 919-967-7273 (phone) or 919-504-5211 (text). Hospital accompaniment is being provided via video chat.

<u>Cardinal Innovations</u>: provides links to virtual substance use recovery support meetings.

<u>Mental Health 24 Hour Crisis Line</u>: Cardinal Innovations also provides a 24/7 for crisis or referral hot-line at 1-800-939-5911.

**<u>Aging Help Line</u>**: For any aging related issue, call 919-968-2087, Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-4:00 pm. <u>**Piedmont Health**</u>: Providing telemedicine clinic hours.



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### **EMPLOYMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE**

<u>Unemployment Assistance</u>: On March 17, Governor Cooper announced that barriers to state unemployment benefits have been removed for workers of businesses impacted by COVID-19, including:

- o Eliminating the one-week waiting period
- o Allowing individuals to receive unemployment benefits without being required to actively look for new jobs
- o Employees who lose their jobs and those who have reduced hours due to COVID-19
- o Removing the requirement that individuals must have in-person interviews prior to qualifying for benefits. This initial intake can now be done remotely, either by phone or online.
- o Employers will not be required to help pay for their former workers' unemployment benefits

<u>Child Care Services Association</u>: The COVID-19 Relief Fund to help families and child care programs in North Carolina with urgent and long-term expenses during the COVID-19 pandemic, including paying for childcare.

<u>Orange County Arts Commission</u>: Provides funding assistance for artists and organizations who have been impacted by COVID-19.

<u>Carrboro Small Business and Nonprofit Loan/Grant COVID-19 Emergency Fund</u>: Provides assistance to Carrboro based businesses and non-profits that serve Carrboro with short term payroll and other recurring expenses during the State/Town declared COVID 19 Emergency in order to maintain employees.

<u>Carrboro United Local Food Hub:</u> To assist Carrboro and Chapel Hill's suffering food service economy, Carrboro United serves as a central food hub for local restaurants and farms for the duration of the Covid-19 outbreak.

<u>Small Business Administration Loan Program</u>: Provides low-interest loans for small businesses and nonprofits who have been severely impacted by COVID-19.

<u>The Chamber for a Greater Chapel Hill-Carrboro</u>: Has a real time question and answer portal for local business owners.

#### UTILITIES

**Internet and Cellphone Carriers:** Contact your company to view their COVID-19 policies. Many are temporarily waiving fees or offering other services to assist those affected by COVID-19.

OWASA: OWASA has temporarily suspended all disconnects for non-payment of bills.

<u>Duke Energy</u>: Duke Energy will <u>not disconnect any customer's service</u> for non-payment. The company will continue to read meters and send bills. Customers should pay what they can to avoid building up a large balance.

<u>Dominion Energy:</u> Dominion Energy will not disconnect any customer's service for non-payment. They also offer short term payment extensions and long term payment assistance.

<u>Piedmont Electric</u>: Piedmont Electric will not disconnect any customer's service for non-payment.



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#### HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING

<u>Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness</u>: Call the housing hotline if you are at risk of homelessness 919-245-2655, available noon-4pm, Monday-Friday. Overnights, Thursday-Sunday, midnight -6am. OCPEH <u>Resource Guide</u>.

<u>Orange County Housing and Community Development</u>: Listings housing resources in multiple languages. Call 919-245-4331 Email <u>HousingHelp@orangecountync.gov</u>

Interfaith Council (IFC): Operates homeless shelters and assists with emergency funds, 919-967-1086. For rental assistance schedule an appointment by calling 919-929-6380 x19 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Orange County Department of Social Services: Call 919-245-2800 for assistance in locating housing and assistance funds.

**NC Judicial Branch**: Eviction proceedings have been postponed through the court system during the COVID-19 pandemic.

<u>Town of Carrboro</u>: The Town provides assistance with rent, security deposits and utility connection fees for low-income residents who find or have housing in Carrboro. For more information, please call 919-918-7321 or email <u>amvanaman@townofcarrboro.org</u>.

<u>Central Piedmont Community Action</u>: Provides assistance with housing (deposits and first month's rent), training expenses, employment expenses, transportation, child care, past due rent/utilities, healthcare expenses, gas for vehicles and groceries.

<u>Community Empowerment Fund</u>: Accepting phone calls for assistance between 11:00am-2:00 pm, Monday-Friday at 919-200-0233. Also maintains and updates a COVID-19 resource list: <u>tinyurl.com/chcovid19resources</u>

**NEW!** To find resources closest to you, any day of the week, search <u>NCCOVIDSUPPORT.ORG</u> **NEW!** To find meals for your child **Text FOODNC to 877-877**. Enter your address to get a text with nearby sites offering free meals.

